



***Bowls Hampshire AGM 2023***  
***Minutes of the Thirteenth AGM of BH***

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of Bowls Hampshire was held at Banister Park Bowling Club on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 with BH Vice Chair Kay Kerley presiding.

- 1 Attendance & Apologies for absence** – 14 Officers and 15 delegates were in attendance with apologies being received from Richard Shelley, Kim Harris, Tony Ingram, Min Wright, Mandy Wilde, Sheila Andrews, Cynthia Hamilton. Alex Tymon, Malcolm James, Colin Thresher
- 2.** Kay requested all attendees stand for a minute's silence to remember members who had passed away this year, notably Ken Eichen, Past President of Bowls Hampshire and Men's Match Secretary.
- 3. Minutes of the previous AGM** – The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 had been previously circulated and were proposed by Allan Leppard, seconded by Doug Nazer and unanimously agreed by all attending and formally approved and signed by Kay Kerley Vice Chair.
- 4. Matters arising** – There were no matters arising
- 5. Reports for 2023** - The following reports had been available at the Area AGMs and were Proposed by Mandy Orchard, seconded by Charlie Bumstead and unanimously agreed by all attendees at the meeting.
  - Annual Report from the Secretary
  - Umpires Report
  - Middleton Cup Manager's Report
  - Johns Trophy Manager's Report
  - Finance Report
- 6. Accounts for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** The Treasurer informed the meeting that the Accounts had changed since they were circulated to Area AGMs. Due to the receipt of the bill for the trophy engraving and plaques there was a loss to the Income. The new audited accounts are attached. The Treasurer thanked Neil Fletcher for auditing the accounts and on a proposition by Margaret Leppard, seconded by Sue Lewis Parkes, unanimously agreed so the accounts were duly adopted.
- 7. Bowls Hampshire Benevolent Fund.** The Treasurer reported that the fund remains in a healthy state with, and stating there were no requests during 2023. He stressed the Trustees would still welcome applications for deserving cases. Carl has informed the meeting that Mandy Orchard has agreed to be the Trustee for the East ensuing a full complement of Trustee's. Proposed by Ric Newsom, seconded by Wendy Brown with all in favour.
- 8. BH Proposition Results from the Area AGM's**  
Proposition "Dark navy-blue bottoms for Bowls Hampshire" proposed Sue Lewis-Parkes Seconded Margaret Leppard  
Votes West 14 against 0 for. North 1 against 15 for South 0 against 25 for East 0 against 13 for (although the East were in favour, they didn't have a quorum).  
Following receipt of the votes from the Area AGM, the proposition was duly passed.  
For the 2024 season dark navy bottoms will be the dress for Middleton, Balcom, John's, Walker, White Rose and Amy Rose but not for County friendly matches which will remain white for the forth coming season.

For players representing the County at the National Finals they can wear white or dark navy, the stipulation being that the entire team wear the same colour for consistency.

#### 9. **Request from Aldermaston to move to Bowls Hampshire**

Following discussion at the last Executive meeting, it was agreed to abide by the wishes of the North Area AGM as the club would move into that Area. A vote was taken with the result being for 2; against 17; 5 abstained. The Secretary will write to Berkshire Administrator with the result stating Bowls Hampshire will not allow Aldermaston to move Counties.

#### 10. **Appointment of Authorised Representatives to Bowls England**

At the Executive meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 it was agreed that Tim Orr and Hazel Marke have agreed to continue in the role on behalf of Bowls Hampshire.

Hazel informed the meeting that 2023 would be her last year as the authorised representative for Bowls Hampshire and explained what was involved and asked the members of the AGM to think about becoming the second authorised representative.

#### 11. **Retiring Presidents addresses**

Hazel explained that unfortunately Kim was not able to attend the AGM due to attending a funeral. Kim has sent Hazel her speech so Hazel read this out to the AGM.

Allan then gave his speech and wished his successor Doug a great year and hoped he enjoyed every minute. Both speeches are attached.

Kay presented Allan with his Presidential plaque for his year in Office.

#### 12. **Confirmation of Presidents for 2024**

Allan presented Doug Nazer with his chain of office and Presidents' badge. Doug thanked everyone and made a short speech. In Kim's absence Allan presented Sue Lewis Parkes with her chain of office and President's badge. Sue thanked everyone and said how much she was looking forward to working with Doug and the new Vice Presidents in 2024.

#### 13. **Confirmation of Vice Presidents For 2024**

Doug then presented Geoff Jessup with his Vice Presidents badge, Geoff thanked his club for nominating him and said he looked forward to his new role. Sue then gave Liz Bingley her Vice Presidents badge and Liz thanked her club and said although relatively new to bowling she has been an avid bowls supporter for many years and really loved the sport.

#### 14. **Confirmation of Officers**

Kay thanked Michael who has retired from his post as Membership and Yearbook Secretary for his dedication and enthusiasm, moving the County forward and passing on his expertise to Mandy who will take over.

Nominations received for the following posts:

Men's Match Secretary – Doug Nazer Braeside BC

Yearbook Secretary - Mandy Wilde Gosport BC

As no other nomination has been received Doug and Mandy are duly elected.

The following Officers were confirmed:

Chair	Richard Shelley (Banister Park)
Vice Chair	Kay Kerley (Oakley)
Secretary	Hazel Marke (Alton Social)
Assistant Secretary	Lesley Taylor (Andover)
Treasurer	Carl Taylor (Cove)

Women's Match Secretary			Wendy Brown (Milton Park Ladies)
Men's Match Secretary			Doug Nazer (Braeside)
Communications Officer			Vacant
Membership and Yearbook Secretary			Mandy Wilde (Gosport)
Area Secretaries	East	(Women)	Alex Tymon (Milton Park Ladies)
	East	(Men)	David Wildman (Leigh Park)
	North	(Women)	Mary Varndell (Oakley)
	North	(Men)	Jim Marsland (Cove)
	South	(Women)	Margaret Leppard (Four Marks)
	South	(Men)	Richard Shelley (Banister Park)
	West	(Women)	Kim Harris (Fordingbridge)
	West	(Men)	Mike Squires (Boscombe Cliff)

15. **The General Executive Members as shown below were confirmed.**

East: Min Wright; Mandy Orchard; Sue Ward; Tony Ingram; Paul Robson, David Brown  
North: Sheila Andrews; Paula Haynes; Margaret Holden, Ric Newson; Michael Andrews, David Brindley  
South: Chris Brett; Lyn Booth; Maxeen Fletcher; Charlie Bumstead; Malcolm James; Adie Booth  
West: Liz Bingley; Tim Orr; Colin Bingley; Brian Jones

Lastly, Kay informed the meeting that the following Managers had been appointed following interviews.

Middleton Manager	Colin Thresher
John's Manager	Maxeen Fletcher
U25's Men's Manager	Leo May

The meeting concluded at 14.00 hours.